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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to issuance of registration plates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately numbered section:

Section _____. (a) An individual applying for registration or renewal of registration for a motor vehicle shall not be issued registration plates unless the applicant possesses a valid driver license at the time such application is made. If the vehicle is owned jointly and one of the owners does not possess a valid driver license at the time such application is made, the registration plates shall be issued only to the owner who possesses a valid driver license.

(b) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (a), registration plates for a motor vehicle may be issued in the following circumstances:

(1) If the owner of the vehicle is not licensed to drive and inherited the motor vehicle as a surviving spouse;

(2) If the owner of the vehicle is not licensed to drive but has a licensed driver or drivers living in such person's household;

(3) If the owner of the vehicle is not licensed to drive but places the vehicle at the disposal or use of a person who possesses a valid driver license;

or

(4) If the owner of the vehicle has a permanent handicapped registration, as provided for in Title 55, Chapter 21.

(c) If a person claims one of the circumstances in subsection (b), the application shall be accompanied by documentation required by the department to obtain the registration plates.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-101, is amended by adding the following language at the end of subsection (e):

A temporary permit shall be issued only to a person who possesses a valid driver license at the time the application for registration is made unless one of the circumstances included in Section 1(b) of this act is claimed.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-105(f), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subsection:

For purposes of this subsection "driving record" shall not include verifying the possession of a valid driver license for issuance of registration plates as required by Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1995, the public welfare requiring it.

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